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ABSTRACT

Photography since 1962 indicates that there are 20 definite and three probable seaborne infiltration support bases along both coasts of North Korea. Of these, 13 are on the west coast and 10 are on the east coast. This report summarizes the development of the facilities, presents a typical base layout, describes the agent vessels, and lists the installation sites by area. It contains two photographs, one map, and one table.

INTRODUCTION

Since 1965 the number of sea infiltration facilities in North Korea has increased from six to the present total (Figure 1). The locations of 18 sea infiltration facilities have been corroborated by North Korean defector and prisoner interrogations.¹

The facilities in the report are classified according to primary function as operational, training, repair, or logistical (Table 1) and are located in four general areas: specifically, the Nampo area, the southwest coast, the east coast, and the southeast coast near the DMZ.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Nampo Area

In the area around Nampo, no facilities were observed prior to 1965. However, by early 1966, seven were identified and all are still in operation.

Southwest Coast

In the area along the southwest coast of North Korea, only one facility was observed before 1965. By the end of 1966, a total of six, all of which are still active, were identified. Both the training facility at Kyolsong-dong and the operating facility at Chongdan-gun have been expanded since early 1968.

Southeast Coast

In southeastern North Korea, Songjin-ni is being expanded while Kosong West, Kosong Shipyard 445, and Kosong East are apparently being phased out. Kosong West has probably been abandoned since mid-1967. Kosong Shipyard 445 has served as an agent boat repair facility, but agent infiltration vessels have not been observed there since early 1968. Kosong East no longer appears to be functioning as a sea infiltration facility.

East Coast

A sea infiltration support facility is located at Chongjin, and, farther south, probable facilities are at Soho-ri and Toejo-dong.

Identifying features common to the majority of sea infiltration facilities include a barracks area, dependents housing area, administration and support buildings, and usually, limited training facilities (Figure 2). Typically an agent boat berthing/operations area consisting of a pier or quayed area, a boat shed, and support buildings is also included. This berthing area is not essential, however, since boats have been seen anchored near installations with and without berthing facilities. Sea infiltration facilities are usually isolated and resemble fishing villages but are neat and uncluttered. The most reliable identifying feature is the presence of agent infiltration vessels.

Sea infiltration agent boats also have common identifying features (Figure 3).

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TABLE 1

North Korean Sea Infiltration Facilities
(Item numbers keyed to Figure 1)

<u>ITEM NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>PRIMARY FUNCTION</u>
<u>EAST COAST AREA</u>			
1	Chongjin Sea Infiltration Support Facility	41-46-13N 129-50-05E	Repair
2	Soho-ri Prob Sea Infiltration Agent Training Facility	40-06-03N 128-25-12E	Training
3	Toejo-dong Prob Sea Infiltration Facility	39-53-05N 127-47-55E	Operations
<u>SOUTHEAST COAST AREA</u>			
4	Sahulchon-ni Prob Sea Infiltration Facility	39-16-41N 127-22-42E	Operations
5	Wonsan Ship Repair Yard	39-09-18N 127-27-54E	Repair
6	Nangsong-ni Sea Infiltration Facility	39-08-20N 127-32-08E	Operations
7	Songjon-ni Sea Infiltration Facility	38-58-44N 127-52-45E	Operations
8	Kosong West Sea Infiltration Facility	38-44-38N 128-12-00E	Operations
9	Kosong Shipyard 445	38-44-05N 128-11-10E	Repair
10	Kosong East Sea Infiltration Facility	38-43-25N 128-12-38E	Operations
<u>NAMPO AREA</u>			
11	Namsam-ni Sea Infiltration Training Station	38-52-03N 125-32-00E	Training
12	Nampo Shipyard East	38-43-36N 125-25-28E	Repair
13	Komdok-som Boatyard and Sea Infiltration Facility	38-43-31N 125-28-24E	Repair
14	Tae-an-ni Logistics Support Facility	38-42-40N 125-32-11E	Logistics
15	Pukchang-po Sea Infiltration Facility (Figure 2)	38-41-11N 125-24-35E	Operations
16	Punggong-ni Sea Infiltration Facility	38-40-11N 125-20-44E	Operations
17	Kumbong-ni Sea Infiltration Facility	38-39-30N 125-17-45E	Operations
<u>SOUTHWEST COAST AREA</u>			
18	Koampo Sea Infiltration Facility	38-12-35N 124-53-35E	Operations
19	Monggum-po Sea Infiltration Facility	38-10-44N 124-46-42E	Operations
20	Kyolsong-dong Sea Infiltration Facility	38-00-30N 125-41-25E	Training
21	Yongdang-haeju Sea Infiltration Repair Yard	37-59-50N 125-42-53E	Repair
22	Chongdan-gun Sea Infiltration Facility	37-56-40N 125-48-50E	Operations
23	Pultang-po Sea Infiltration Facility	37-48-00N 126-04-48E	Operations

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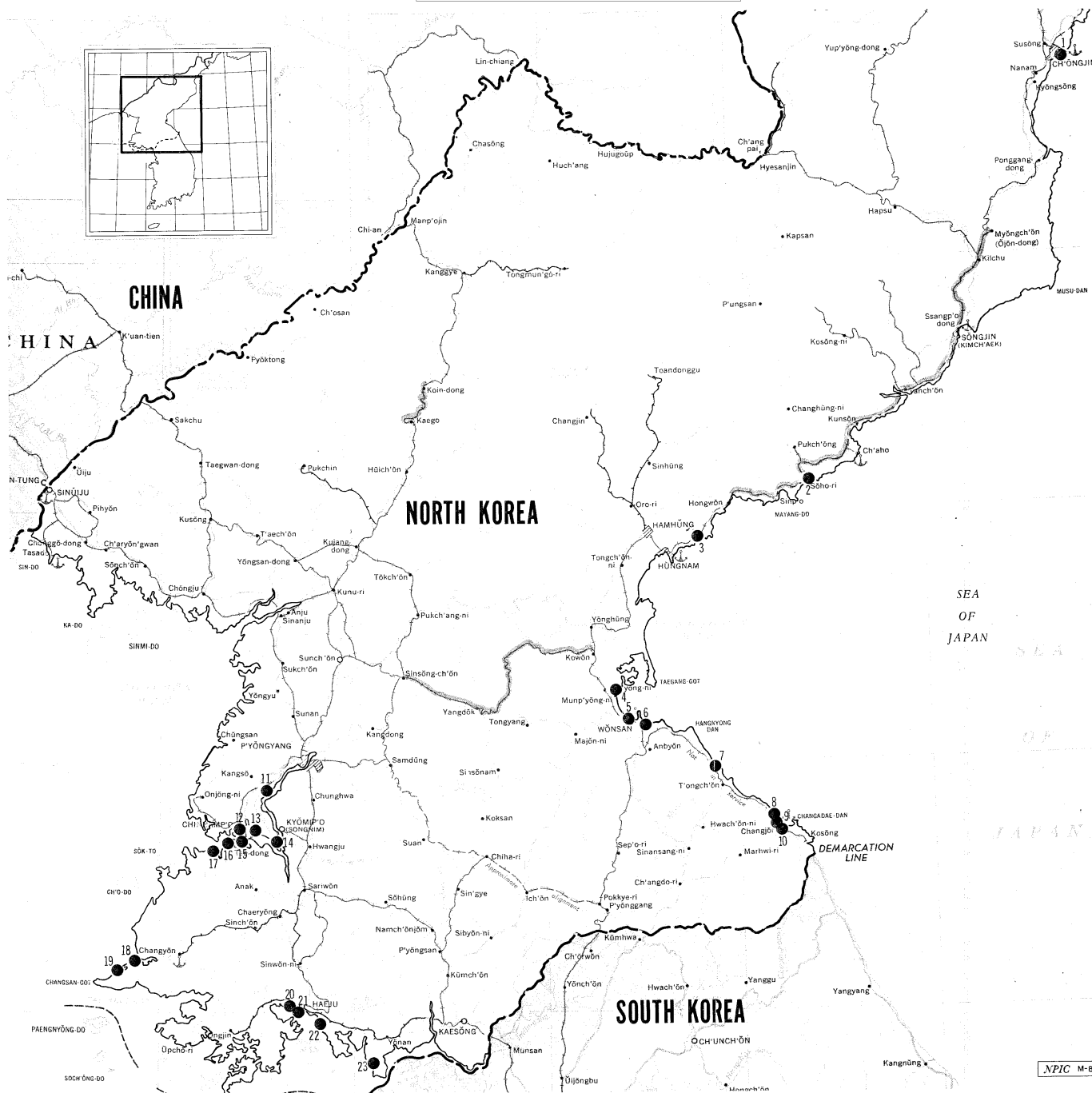
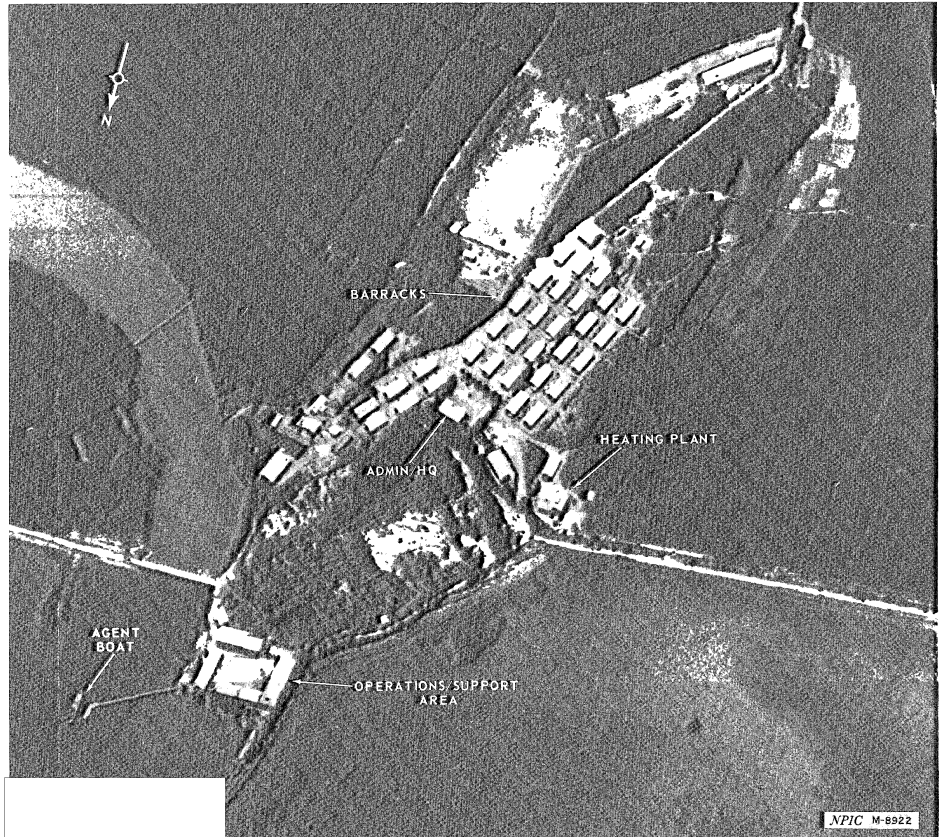


FIGURE 1. SEA INFILTRATION FACILITIES, NORTH KOREA



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FIGURE 2. TYPICAL SEA INFILTRATION FACILITY, PUKCHANG-PO, NORTH KOREA

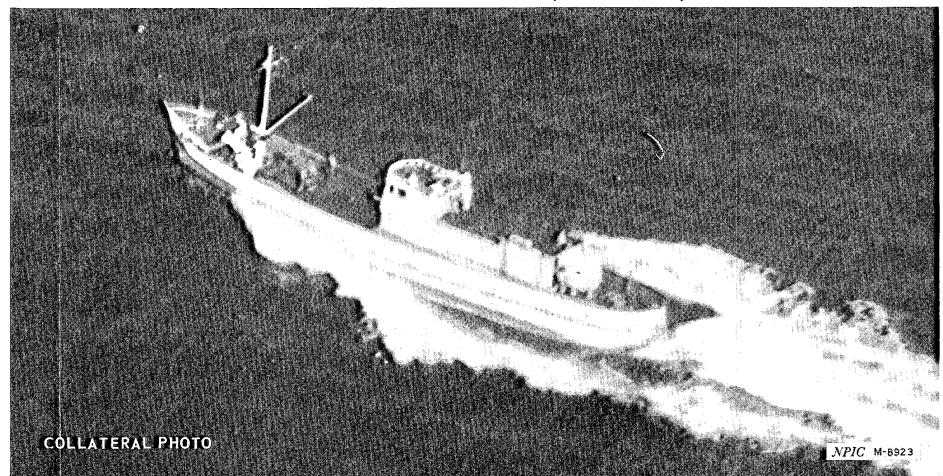


FIGURE 3. INFILTRATION VESSEL, NORTH KOREA

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[redacted] The average length-beam ratio is approximately 7:1. The deckhouse is usually aft of midships with a step-down design. Armament ordinarily consists of two deck guns, one forward and one aft, and recoilless rifles kept below decks when not in use.

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Agent boats look like native fishing craft but may be distinguished by narrower hulls, a generally neater appearance because of absence of fishing gear, and the presence of more sophisticated electronics equipment. The boats can attain speeds of 30-35 knots and, unlike ordinary fishing vessels, have high speed planning hulls similar to small naval craft.¹

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